

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
August 4, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at the Jasper Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Ann Hilgefert, Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Greg Stoner, Pat Thyen, Don Weisheit, and Norma Kreilein (arrived at 4:35 pm).

Commission Members Absent: Kendall Martin and Doug Abbett. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle and Donna Schepers. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Mira Vonderheide, Sandy Hemmerlein and Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greg Stoner moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

City Financial Statement

Don Weisheit moved to approve the financial statement. **Greg Stoner** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The season guides were mailed in July and season ticket renewal orders were coming in.
- Reported that she is trying some new marketing ideas, such as, colored bookmarks featuring all the 09-10 gallery exhibits and education programs, and also a new wallet-card which lists all the events and gallery exhibits for the coming season. The bookmarks will be distributed at the schools and the Jasper Public Library, as well as to all subscribers.
- Reviewed the quotes for the banners which were originally approved in December 2008, with the funds encumbered for the 2009 budget. A \$1,000 grant from Dubois County Tourism was given in February to be applied towards the banners. Discussion was held due to the fact that Herald Printing, who had been granted the low bid order, ceased operations. Kit sought new quotes for the two projects – 4 vertical building banners and 25 pole banners. For the 4 vertical banners, Impressions Printing quoted a price of \$1025, Ewing Printing quoted a price of \$893, and Woods Printing did not reply. For the 25 pole banners, Impressions Printing quoted a price of \$3,300, Ewing Printing quoted \$3,207.17, and Woods Printing did not reply. Some discussion was held whether Herald Printing could still handle the job, as they have no design staff any longer. Don Weisheit suggested that they could still procure the banners if the JCAC sought separate design quotes and printing quotes. After some discussion, **Greg Stoner** moved to proceed with the new quotes with Ewing Printing being awarded the projects and to avoid any further delays. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 7-1 (Weisheit).

Building and Structure Report

Kit reported for Doreen who was on vacation.

- Summer maintenance projects are underway as time and space permits.
- The chiller went down on the day of the Strassenfest Queen pageant. Messmer Mechanical is repairing.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- She is meeting with the new principal at Precious Blood, Joe Break (?) and Bob Hacker, new principal at JHS to discuss and finalize our education program contracts with them.
- The Dance Kaleidoscope final follow-up event in Indianapolis for band students was a huge success.

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported for Amy who was at an appointment.

- The Patoka Valley Quilters' exhibit drew huge crowds from a wide area. These included many groups from Illinois and Kentucky, plus visitors from Texas, Alaska and Vermont. Several visitors said that they came across the quilt exhibit in searches on the Web. Over 1,000 saw the exhibit when they attended the ACT productions of High School Musical, plus over 700 people saw it at the Strassenfest Queen Pageant evening.

Region 11 Report

Kit reported.

- That initial numbers have been approved by the Indiana Arts Commission. The state legislature reduced funding for the arts by 20%. The IAC partners committed to continuing the partnerships throughout the state but with some drastic cuts in some areas. They are also holding back 5% of funding in reserve. The exact figures and a new contract will be sent to the JCAC in August.

Public Business

Pat Thyen introduced her granddaughter, Mira Vonderheide, who reported on her experience at a two-week intensive study music camp with the Annie Moses Band in Tennessee. This contact was made following the performance of the Annie Moses Band last December.

Adjournment

Ann Hilgefert made a motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mike Jones

Attested